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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 objected to because of the following informalities: The term triphenylamine-like represents language that renders the claims indefinite. Since Ar1-Ar3 in formula 1 can be aryl groups other than a simple phenyl group, it would be better to refer to such sub-structures as triarylamine sub-structures. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

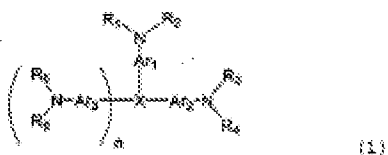
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 1-8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ueda (JP 2000-063335).**

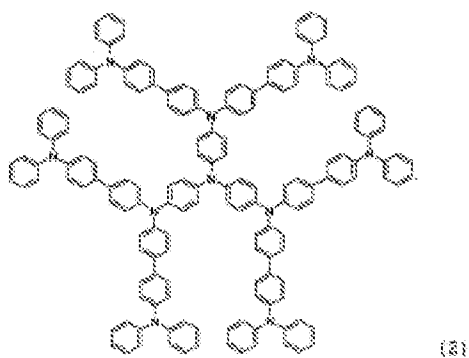
4. **Regarding Claims 1-4**, the applicant claims a compound having a molecular weight from 1500 to 6000 represented by formula 1:

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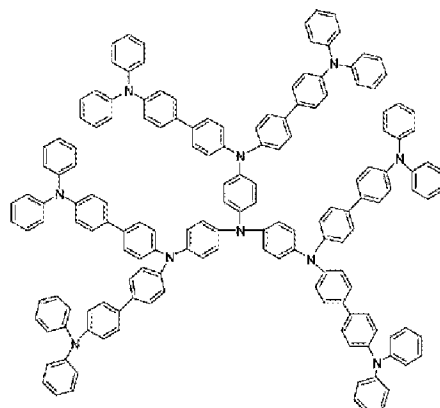


wherein X represents a single bond, CR, CR₂, S or NH; Ar₁, Ar₂ and Ar₃ represent a phenyl group, a biphenyl group or a terphenyl group; R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆ each independently represent an aryl group, wherein the aryl group may be substituted with a diarylamino group so as to form a triphenylamine moiety structure, and further the terminal aryl groups may be substituted with a diarylamino structure group-containing group so as to form a triphenylamine-like moiety structure repeatedly; n is 0 or 1.

The examiner notes that applicant shows formula 2 in the specification on page 18 as a preferred example of formula 1:



Ueda discloses an arylamine compound represented by formula U-1 (paragraph 42):



Formula U-1 reads on applicants' formula –where the central N atom corresponds to applicants' X group, the biphenyl groups correspond to applicants' Ar1-Ar3, the external phenyl groups correspond to applicants' R1-R6 and $n = 1$. Formula U-1 is identical to applicants' formula 2 and has a molecular weight (MW) of $\sim 1,976$ g/mole. The applicant claims a MW range of 1500-6000.

Formula U-1 has 10 nitrogen atoms (per claims 2 and 3) and 9 triphenylamine sub-structures (per claim 4).

5. **Regarding Claims 5-8**, Ueda discloses and organic electroluminescent element containing and organic compound (formula U-1, MW 1,976) in a layer between two electrodes (paragraphs 6 and 7). Formula U-1 reads on applicants' formula 1 as discussed above in section 4.

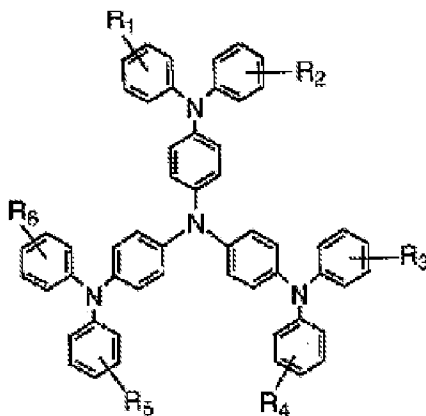
Formula U-1 has 10 nitrogen atoms (per claims 6-7) and 9 triphenylamine sub-structures (per claim 8).

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6. **Claims 1-8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inoue (JP 10-284252).**

7. **Regarding Claims 1-4**, the applicant claims a compound having a molecular weight from 1500 to 6000 represented by formula 1 above.

Inoue discloses a compound represented by formula I-1 (paragraph 17):



R1-R6 can be diarylamino groups (paragraph 18) and the aryl groups can be phenyl groups (paragraph 28, table 2, No. 19) which gives a MW of ~ 1, 748. The applicant claims a MW range of 1500-6000.

Formula I-1 reads on applicants' formula 1 where the central N atom corresponds to applicants' X group, the phenyl groups bonded to the central nitrogen atom correspond to applicants' Ar1-Ar3, the external phenyl groups correspond to applicants' R1-R6 and n = 1.

Formula I-1 has 10 nitrogen atoms [paragraph 28, table 2, No. 19] (per claims 2 and 3) and 9 triphenylamine sub-structures (per claim 4).

8. **Regarding Claim 5-8**, Inoue discloses an organic electroluminescent device with organic layers between anode and a cathode (called negative pole by applicant) (paragraph 36). The triaryl amine compound (formula I-1) is located in at least one of the organic layers (abstract). Formula I-1 reads on applicants' formula 1 as discussed above in section 7.

Formula I-1 has 10 nitrogen atoms (per claims 6-7) and 9 triphenylamine sub-structures (per claim 8).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GREGORY CLARK whose telephone number is (571)270-7087. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:00 AM to 5 PM Alternating Fri 7:30 AM to 4 PM and Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Tarazano can be reached on (571) 272-1515. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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